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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 25, 2005 (the "Office Action").

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 10-17 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 8, 9, 18 and 19 have been objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

More particularly, claims 1-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Recent Progress in the Development of a Clinically Useful Microencapsulated Olfactory Function Test" by Doty et al. (the "RPDOT") in view of WO 89/00398 of Cotman ("Cotman") and U.S. Patent No. 2,977,689 of Rugland et al. ("Rugland

'689"). In addition, claims 14-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over RPDOT in view of Cotman, Rugland '689 and Buschke 5,230,629 ("Buschke '629").

Applicants have now amended their claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter they regard as the invention. Applicants also offer the following remarks to address the objections to and the rejections of their claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of such remarks and amendments.

Because no claims are being added beyond the number for which a fee was previously paid, the filing of this Amendment/Response to Office Action does not require the payment of an additional filing fee.